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SUBJECT: CSCE: CBMS--SOVIET NATIONAL MANEUVERS

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

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1. AS REPORTED REFTELS, IMS REP (COL. WOLF) INFORMED POLADS MARCH 11 HE WAS UNABLE, BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION, TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF 1974 SOVIET NATIONAL MANEUVERS AT THE DIVISION LEVEL AND ABOVE. IMS REP NOTED THAT NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD.

2. COL. WOLF HAS INFORMED MISSION THAT IMS HAD REQUESTED INFO ON SOVIET MANEUVERS FROM SHAPE. SHAPE REPORTEDLY REPLIED HOWEVER IT WAS UNABLE PROVIDE SUCH AN ESTIMATE. FOLLOWING MARCH 11 POLADS, WOLF SAYS HE NEVERTHELESS RENEWED REQUEST TO SHAPE FOR INFORMATION ON SOVIET MANEUVERS.

3. MISSION BELIEVES THAT, IN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION ON SOVIET CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL MANEUVERS, VALUE OF IMS PAPER IS EXTREMELY LIMITED AND PAPER COULD EVEN PROVE MISLEADING. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT GENEVA NEGOTIATORS HAVE BENEFIT OF IMS ADVICE ON MANEUVERS ASPECT OF CBMS, AND IMS CONTRIBUTION

CAN ONLY BE USEFUL IF BASED ON ADEQUATE INFORMATION.

4. WHILE MINDFUL OF THE SENSITIVE METHODS THAT MAY BE INVOLVED IN COLLECTING SOME SUCH INFORMATION, MISSION RECOMMENDS U.S. PROVIDE AS DETAILED AN ESTIMATE AS POSSIBLE OF THE NUMBER OF 1974 SOVIET NATIONAL MANEUVERS AT DIVISION LEVEL AND ABOVE WITHIN FOLLOWING AREAS:

(A) 700 KMS FROM EUROPEAN FRONTIERS OF THE USSR

(B) 350 KMS FROM EUROPEAN FRONTIERS OF THE USSR

(C) 100 KMS FROM EUROPEAN FRONTIERS OF THE USSR

(D) IN OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, BUT NOT AS WP AMANEUVERS.

(ABOVE INFORMATION COULD BE HANDLED AS NATO SECRET.)

5. SINCE GENEVA ACTIVITY ON CBMS MAY DEVELOP RAPIDLY IN NEAR FUTURE, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT PERHAPS THE SIMPLEST AND MOST EXPEDITIOUS CHANNEL MIGHT BE FOR MISSION TO PROVIDE INTO DIRECTLY TO IMS OFFICERS WORKING ON CBMS STUDY FOR POLADS.

6. REQUEST GUIDANCE BY MARCH 24 IF POSSIBLE.
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